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The device according to claim 1, wherein said brim fastening element is located proximal to said access aperture of said hollow element.

17. (Once amended)

The device according to claim 1, wherein said mobile walls are articulated in a telescopic relationship therebetween.

18. (Once amended)

The device according to claim 1 further comprising a protective sheath disposed along the internal walls of said hollow element.

20. (Once amended)

The device according to claim 1, wherein said brim fastening element is disposable and separable from said hollow element.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has now canceled claim 16 and amended claims 15, 17-18 and 20 to make them dependent on claim 1 as amended with Applicant's last letter of September 13, 2002. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

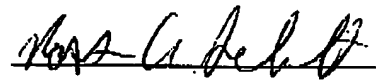
Mr. Alessandro Steinfl, who has contacted the Examiner by phone during the month of August 2002, will call the Examiner during the next week to further discuss the present application, should the need arise.

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Respectfully submitted,



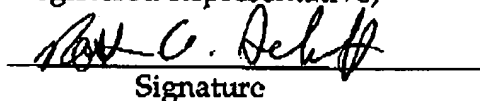
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**APPENDIX A**

**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

15. (Once amended)

The device according to claim [14] 1, wherein said brim fastening [ring] element is located proximal to said access aperture of said hollow element.

17. (Once amended)

The device according to claim [14] 1, wherein said mobile walls are articulated in a telescopic relationship therebetween.

18. (Once amended)

The device according to claim [14]. 1 further comprising a protective sheath disposed along the internal walls of said hollow element.

20. (Once amended)

The device according to claim [14] 1, wherein said brim fastening [ring] element is disposable and separable from said hollow element.

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